

New Hampshire School Chemical Management Policy

Our school, _____, is committed to minimizing the purchase and use of hazardous chemicals and the creation of hazardous waste by instituting a chemical management policy. Policy procedures for chemical use, purchasing, inventory, storage, waste disposal, and spill response are addressed by the following guidelines:

- ★Substitute alternative chemicals or products, whenever possible, to eliminate or reduce the use of hazardous chemicals or products in the school.
- ★Centralize all chemical purchasing to minimize the volume of chemicals stored in the building. A chemical inventory will be maintained to identify all hazardous chemicals within the school.
- ★Laboratory chemicals will be stored by their classification, and not by alphabetical order. Storage procedures will include separation of chemicals into their organic and inorganic families, with the division of chemicals into related and compatible families.
- ★Reduce chemical waste whenever possible. This maybe accomplished by instituting a non-hazardous or less hazardous curriculum, which uses demonstration videos, green chemistry, or microscale chemistry.
- ★Provide staff with proper chemical management training, including the potential hazards of using a specific chemical. Preparedness for chemical spills is essential in minimizing risk to students, faculty, staff and the environment.
- ★Material safety data sheets for all chemicals used in the school will kept on file in the same location the chemical or product is used, and also in a central location.
- ★Pursuant to RSA 149-M, no mercury or mercury compounds will be used within our school. Any mercury compounds identified will be removed and disposed of properly.

By making this commitment to our school, we are providing our students and staff with a healthy learning environment, and following the principles of pollution prevention.

School: _____
Town: _____
Signature: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

